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- 1. WE HAVE RECIEVED THREE ESTIMATES FOR ERECTION OF US PAVILION FROM LOCAL DESIGN FIRMS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THESE FIRMS BEFORE ARRIVING AT FINAL BUDGET FIGURES WHICH WE WILL SUBMIT TO COMMERCE. ALL OF ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT DESIGN WILL NOT DIFFER IMPORTANTLY FROM THAT 1975 US PAVILION. REF A INDICATES THAT USDOC WILL PROVIDE "COMPLETE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PACKAGE" FOR US PAVILION. REF B REQUESTED URGENTLY THAT WE RECEIVE DESIGN PARTICULARS IN ORDER TO DRAW UP DRAFT BUDGET. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT DESIGN WILL NOT DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THAT OF 1975. IF DESIGN GREATLY DIFFERENT WE MUST EXPECT ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN DESIGNER ESTIMATES.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USDOC TOLD RABAT BY TELEPHONE THAT 20 BOOTHS FROM DAKAR WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED COST OF \$7500 (FOR TRANSPORTATION) BECAUSE THEY BELONG TO DESIGN COMPANY IN SENEGAL. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM TELEGRAPHICALLY THE STATUS OF DAKAR BOOTHS. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE ASKED CASABLANCA DESIGN FIRMS TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES BASED ON NON-AVAILABLE OF DAKAR BOOTHS.

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3. WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN BY TELEPHONE IN OCTOBER THAT USDOC

WILL FUND EXPENSES OF EXHIBIT DIRECTOR SEPERATELY FROM \$25,000
BUDGETED FOR FAIR BY COMMERCE, AND AS REQUESTED REF B HOPE THIS
CAN BE CONFIRMED IN YOUR NEXT TELEGRAM.
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